

**REMARKS**

1. The Examiner has indicated that the enclosed corrected drawings sheets are acceptable.

5        2. The Examiner has rejected claims 12 and 18 under 35 U. S. C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Buchwald et al. (US 2002/0039394).

Claims 12 and 18 are canceled.

10      3. The Examiner has rejected claim 15 under 35 U. S. C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Buchwald et al. and further in view of Widmer et al. (US 5,265,128)

Claim 15 is canceled.

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4. The Examiner has rejected claim 16 under 35 U. S. C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Buchwald et al. and further in view of Li. (US 2003/0138061).

20      Claim 16 is canceled.

5. The Examiner has rejected claim 17 under 35 U. S. C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Buchwald et al. and further in view of Love et al. (US 5,422,909).

Claim 17 is canceled.

6. The Examiner has indicated that claims 4-11 are allowed.

5      7. The Examiner has further stated that claims 13-14 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

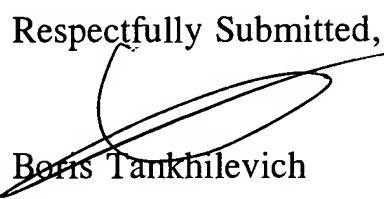
10     Claim 13 is amended and rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 14 is dependent on claim 13 as amended. It is believed that claims 13-14 are in condition of allowance.

15     8. Claims 1-3, 12, 15-18 are canceled. Now claims 4-11, and 13-14 are pending and are believed to be in condition of allowance. Reconsideration of the rejections is respectfully solicited.

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